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Comments: The changes to allow e-bikes on trails designated for non motorized usage is a dangerous proposal! Being a horse back rider that travels around the country riding on a lot of National Forest Land trails designated for horses and hikers. The addition of e-bikes will cause many disastrous encounters. Horses rely heavily on hearing to determine how the react to many different encounters on the trail. Hikers speak and step off the trail for horses. Bikers can be heard and also stop and talk and allow the horses to pass while e-bikes are quiet and moving at such a speed (20-28mph) that the don't have time to prepare to ride up on horseback riders and the horses being startled will either harm the biker or their rider or both! A 1200+ Pound flight animal can be very dangerous when surprised. They tend to spin, kick, buck and run off through whatever is in his way. Definitely injuring rider, biker and horse for sure. Horses flee first before thinking. Please reconsider your proposal and keep e-bikes on the motorized trails where they belong. They are motorized with an electric motor thus making fit the category that prevents them from using trails designed for hikers, horseback riders and many family activities. There are plenty of trails for e-bikes. Do not allow the e-bikeok National Forest Lands!